

Remarks

Examiner Dac Ha is thanked for the telephone interview of December 17, 2004 and the Office Action of September 21, 2004 and the indication of allowable subject matter therein. Claims 1-21 and 26-27 are objected to as containing allowable subject matter with minor corrections necessary. Claims 22-25 have been rejected under section 112 both first and second paragraphs.

In response to the telephone interview and the Office Action, this amendment herein makes all the required corrections and deletions of claim language as noted by the Examiner. Regarding the phrase "in-band and out-of-band characters", this has been deleted from claim 22, however applicant's assert that support for this is found in the instant application. Specifically page 1 and page 9 of the specification reference this point. However in order to expedite the prosecution of the application the language has been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to present claims containing this feature in continuing applications.

Applicants now respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned Agent if any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,
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